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**Presented to KHPA Board November 18, 2008**  
**Medical Necessity and Claim Appeals**

<b>1. Background</b>
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Throughout the course of FY 2009, the State Employee Health Plan (SEHP) has come across a few claims that have caused us to review our current process for determining Medical Necessity of procedures, durable medical equipment and prosthetic devices.

Since the SEHP is now self-insured, the KHPA believes that a full review of the process for determining medical necessity and claimant appeals should be reviewed. Staff has begun the process of surveying other self-insured state employee health plans to determine a “best practice” model for making such determinations.

<b>2. Next Steps</b>
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- KHPA Staff will complete a review of best-practice models that exist throughout the United States.
- A recommendation for the SEHP model will be made to the Board at the January meeting.
- The Board’s decision will be taken to the HCC at its first meeting following the January Board meeting.

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